



KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

presents

## **Jazz Combos**

JUSTIN CHESAREK

DIRECTOR

MARC MILLER

DIRECTOR

## **Jazz Ensemble I**

SAM SKELTON

DIRECTOR

Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 8 pm  
Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Morgan Hall  
Twenty-eighth Concert of the 2016-17 Concert Season



## program

### 2080 COMBO

***I Love Paris*** / Cole Porter / arr. Etta Jones  
from *Don't Go To Strangers*

***Midnight Blue*** / Neil Hefti / arr. Stanley Turrentine  
from *A Chip Off the Old Block*

***Freight Trane*** / Thomas "Tommy" Lee Flanagan / arr. Kenny Burrell &  
John Coltrane

### OFFICE COMBO

***Black Nile*** / Wayne Shorter

***Witch Hunt*** / Wayne Shorter / arr. Jonathan Pace

***Mahjong*** / Wayne Shorter / arr. Josh Inglis

### JAZZ ENSEMBLE I

***All Of Me*** / Simons & Marks / arr. Thad Jones

***Spring Dance*** / Michael Philip Mossman

***If I Could*** / Metheny / arr. Curnow

***This Could Be The Start Of Something Big*** / Steve Allen / arr. Eric  
Burger

***Riverdance*** / Bob Curnow



## **2080 COMBO**

Damontae Scott, tenor saxophone

Robert Herrington, guitar

Brandon Radaker, bass

Cameron Austin, vibraphone

Brooks Payne, drum set

## **OFFICE COMBO**

Josh Inglis, tenor saxophone

Christian Moore, guitar

Brian Reid, piano

Drew Lloyd, double bass

Jonathan Pace, drums

## **JAZZ ENSEMBLE I**

### **REEDS**

Brandon Radaker

Andrew Ereddia

Michael Opitz

Damontae Scott

Nic Chambers

### **TRUMPETS**

Ben Shiele

Mark Fucito

Stacey Novik

Jacob Greifinger

Will Woods

### **TROMBONES**

Devin Witt

Gage Fisher

Travis Longenberger

Sam Boeger

### **RHYTHM**

Brian Reid, piano

Patrick Arthur, guitar

Brandon Boone, bass

Alex Peneton, bass

Jonathan Pace, drums

Dennis Durrett-Smith, drums

# meet the directors

JUSTIN CHESAREK, *Artist-in-Residence in Jazz Percussion*

**J**ustin Chesarek is all about swing. It's what drives him, it's what makes him strike drum heads with well-composed intensity, and it's why some of the best jazz musicians in Atlanta keep him on call. Since arriving in Atlanta in August, 2008, Justin Chesarek, a transplant from rural Pennsylvania, has made quite a name for himself.



He isn't your average session drummer. While regularly playing gigs with Gary Motley, Laura Coyle and Gordon Vernick, Justin also flexes his composing muscles with his group, The Tree-O of Love, who maintain a regular Wednesday night gig at Churchill Grounds, Atlanta's premier jazz club. Pulling diverse influences from jazz, classical, rock, world music, Justin writes and plays music with emotion,

putting his artistry and talent in every note and beat he comes across. The end product is jazz — the virtuosity of Bebop, the soul and funkiness of the early days of Fusion, and a retro-modern mindset oozing with musicality and a beat that gets the inner ear thumpin.'

"Composing as a drummer allows me to supply more of a concept of drums in melody. It gives me the opportunity to inject different rhythms and colors," Justin said. Consorting with members of jazz royalty including Houston Person, Jerry Bergonzi and Johnny O'Neal, just to name a few, Justin is regularly asked to perform with some of the biggest names around. A graduate of Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA, Justin holds a Bachelors of Music in Education.

Under the direction of Dr. Stephen Hawk, Justin completed a two-week European tour, making appearances at the Montreaux Jazz Festival and the North Sea Jazz Festival. Justin finished his Masters of Music in Jazz Studies in May, 2010, at Georgia State University and currently teaches at Emory University and Kennesaw State University.

**M**arc Miller joined Kennesaw State University in 2010. Starting on tuba in elementary school, he picked up electric bass in middle school and double bass in college.

Studying under Melanie Punter and Bill Peterson, Marc completed his Bachelor's degree at Florida State University in Jazz Studies. He then went on to study under John Fremgen and David Neubert at the University of Texas at Austin, completing his Master's degree in Performance in 2002.

Comfortable in any musical style, Marc has performed and recorded with many jazz artists, rock groups, tango, hip-hop, flamenco, salsa and folk ensembles. While in Austin, he was a member of pioneering jazz group, Blaze, winner of the Austin Music Awards Best Jazz Group for several years running. He has performed regularly with Bob Reynolds, Jason Marsalis and Lizz Wright. He has also shared the stage with Tim Hagans, Bob Brookmeyer, Wynton Marsalis, Marcus Printup and Mike Stern.

Prior to teaching at Kennesaw State University, Marc taught at Jacksonville State University and LaGrange College. In addition to his bass studios at these universities, he led big bands and combos and taught academic courses including music appreciation and music theory.

Marc can be heard performing around town in a variety of ensembles, encompassing many genres of music. He is a regular member of the Trey Wright Trio and the Mace Hibbard Group, appearing on their most recent albums, as well as many other local jazz ensembles. Additionally, he performs with salsa groups Orquesta Macuba and Vecinos Del Mundo, pit orchestras at the Fox, The Atlanta Pops Orchestra, and other local artists.

SAM SKELTON, *Director of Jazz Studies & Senior Lecturer in Saxophone*

**S**am Skelton, a native of Conyers, Georgia, has been active on the Atlanta music scene for well over two decades. Skelton graduated summa cum laude from Georgia State University and the private studio of Tony Carere with a degree in Jazz Studies.

During his course of study at GSU, Skelton was a Montgomery Music Scholar and a two-time fellowship recipient to the Aspen Music Festival. He continued his saxophone studies with Kenneth Radnofsky at Boston University in 1991.

As a woodwind doubler, Skelton is well versed in any genre of music. His grasp of saxophone, clarinet and flute has enabled him to remain very busy in live performance as well as in the studio.



Skelton has performed and/or soloed with The London Symphony Orchestra, The Atlanta Symphony, The Atlanta Pops, The Peachtree Pops, The Atlanta Ballet Orchestra and The Cobb Symphony Orchestra as well as numerous local high school and civic ensembles. World Premiers include James



Oliverio's *Children of A Common Mother*, Lee Johnson's *Ora Pro Mi: Concerto for Winds Soloist* (clarinet, flute and soprano saxophone) and *Seaside Symphony* (clarinet and soprano saxophone soloist). Skelton also played the premier recording of *Ora Pro Mi* and *Seaside Symphony* with the London Symphony Orchestra.

As a sideman on over 175 compact discs, Skelton remains very active in the studio and can be heard on recordings by such artists as: Elton John, December Radio, Babbie Mason, Howard Tate, Matchbox 20, Train, Edwin McCain, The Gap Band and

The Ohio Players. Television and radio jingles include *The Georgia Lottery*, *Glen Beck*, *The Weather Channel*, *The Travel Channel*, *Ford*, *The Cartoon Network*, *CNN*, *Nature's Own*, *Popeye's*, *Papa John's* and *Turner South*. Television appearances include *In the Heat of the Night*, *Savannah* and *Sinbad's Summer Jam II* on HBO.

Skelton is currently Director of Jazz Studies and Lecturer in Saxophone at Kennesaw State University. He is also Artistic Director of GSO Jazz and GYSO Jazz. Skelton served as Professor of Saxophone at Georgia State University from 1991 to 2004 and was Jazz Ensemble Director at Georgia Tech from 2002-2004 and Artist-in-Residence at The University of Georgia Jazz Department. He served as Visiting Professor of Saxophone at Furman University 2001-02. Professional associations include: Georgia Music Educators Association, Georgia Association of Jazz Educators, National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (voting member) and the American Federation of Musicians. Skelton is a Conn-Selmer Artist.

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Sam Skelton, *Saxophone*  
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### Brass & Percussion

Doug Lindsey, *Trumpet, Chamber Music*  
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Tom Gibson, *Trombone*  
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Brian Hecht, *Bass Trombone*  
Martin Cochran, *Euphonium*  
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### Strings

Helen Kim, *Violin*  
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Justin Bruns, *Chamber Music*  
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Charae Krueger, *Cello*  
James Barket, *Double Bass*  
Joseph McFadden, *Double Bass*  
Elisabeth Remy Johnson, *Harp*  
Mary Akerman, *Classical Guitar*

### Voice

Stephanie Adrian	Leah Partridge
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Oral Moses	Jana Young

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Welcome to the Bailey Performance Center. We are thrilled that you are here!

The School of Music at Kennesaw State University is an exciting place to live, work and learn. Housed in the College of the Arts, the School is infused with masterfully skilled and dedicated performing teachers who care deeply about their profession, our programs, our community, and every student involved in music and the arts. This Performance Center is the jewel in our crown! We are so excited about the musical and

artistic events that happen here, and we are excited that you are here with us to enjoy them! The School of Music is busy preparing our students to be productive artists. We want them to be accomplished and creative leaders of the arts world of tomorrow, professionals who are diversely trained and well-practiced. Diverse in their backgrounds, our students hail from many of the leading musical arts and honors organizations from across the southeast, and as a School of Music, we are dedicated to the purpose of furthering the arts and cultural offerings to our region and beyond.


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I look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with you. With your continued support of music and the arts, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish together!


A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Stephen W. Plate".


Stephen W. Plate, DMA  
Director, KSU School of Music

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